

HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS AND NOTES from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
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New Reference Room Hours at Archives & History Center: Open Saturdays, Closed Mondays

Effective August 9, 2010, the Reference Room at the S.C. Archives and History Center will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Reference Room will be closed on Mondays, however state government agencies may make an appointment for access on Mondays. Contact Steve Tuttle at 803-896-6204 or tuttle@scdah.state.sc.us if you have any questions.

Archives and History Budget Update

The Department of Archives and History had to eliminate 11 positions (roughly 25% of the full time staff) at the end of June because of an overall decrease in state funding of 29%. All areas of the agency were affected. Staff remains committed to carrying out the agency's core functions and serving our many constituents.

State Board of Review to Meet July 23

The South Carolina State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Archives and History Center. The Board will consider the following nominations to the National Register:

- Upper Long Cane Cemetery, Abbeville County
- Charleston Naval Hospital Historic District, North Charleston, Charleston County
- McDowell House, Fountain Inn, Greenville County
- Welborn House, Fountain Inn, Greenville County
- Cedar Grove Lutheran Church, Leesville, Lexington County
- Tamassee D.A.R. School, Tamassee, Oconee County

The public is welcome to attend the meeting. For more information, contact Andy Chandler at chandler@scdah.state.sc.us or 803-896-6179.

New National Register of Historic Places Listings

The **Hopewell Rosenwald School** in the Clarks Hill vicinity of McCormick County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 9, 2010. Built in 1926, the school is significant in the areas of education, African American heritage, and architecture. Hopewell is a One Teacher Community Plan school, embodying the distinctive architectural characteristics that fall under the guidelines set out by the Julius Rosenwald School Building Program. Hopewell was built, along with one other Rosenwald school in McCormick County, at a cost of \$400 per school. It served African American students in the community until it closed in 1954. To see photographs and read the nomination go to

<http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/mccormick/S10817733021/index.htm>.

The **Ridge Hill High School** in Ridge Spring in Saluda County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 9, 2010. The school, built in 1934, is significant in the areas of education and African American heritage. It replaced a Rosenwald-funded wood clapboard school built on the same site in 1924 which burned ten years later. The Ridge Hill High School was rebuilt as a brick version of the original industrial school, using the same plan, the Six Teacher Community School Plan No. 6-A. The total building cost was around \$8000 and was considered one of the finest school buildings in Saluda County. Ridge Hill was used as a high school until the 1956-1957 school year. To see photographs and read the nomination go to

<http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/saluda/S10817741011/index.htm>.

The **James M. Davis House** in Pelham in Spartanburg County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 7, 2010. It is significant at the local level for its association with prominent local merchant and community leader James Marvin Davis. Davis, a Pelham native, built this large modified American Foursquare home ca. 1915, locating it on a shaded hill, across the street from his general store. He operated

Davis Mercantile, one of the only general stores to serve the Pelham Mill Village area, from ca. 1905 until his death in 1943. To see photographs and read the nomination go to <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/spartanburg/S10817742063/index.htm>.

Archaeology and Cemetery Amendments Signed Into Law

On June 11, 2010 Governor Mark Sanford signed into law an amendment to the Code of Laws of South Carolina making it “unlawful to willfully, knowingly, or maliciously enter upon the lands of another or the posted lands of the state and investigate, disturb, or excavate a prehistoric or historic site for the purpose of discovering, uncovering, moving, removing, or attempting to remove an archaeological resource.” The new section of law, Section 16-11-780 provides penalties and civil remedies.

The law also amended Section 16-17-600 of the code “Destruction or desecration of human remains or repositories thereof”--to specifically include Native American burial ground or burial mound in the list of burial sites covered by the law.

To read the full text of these changes go to the SC Legislature online site <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/> and search for bill HR 4129.

Columbia Receives Preserve America Designation

Congratulations to the City of Columbia, which recently received Preserve America status, bringing the total number of Preserve America Communities in South Carolina to 23. The Preserve America Community Program recognizes communities that use their heritage resources and share the myriad benefits of historic preservation with residents and visitors. Preserve America is administered by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation with assistance from the U.S. Department of the Interior. For more information see <http://preserveamerica.gov/>.

Ranch Houses as Historic Resources

Check out the online collection of information on the Georgia SHPO website about ranch houses, including their history, description of types, and a link to their award-winning new publication The Ranch House in Georgia, Guidelines for Evaluation. <http://www.gashpo.org/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=434&txtPage=1>.

2010 Best of the South Preserving Southern Architecture Award

The Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians is accepting nominations for the *Best of the South: Preserving Southern Architecture Award*. This annual award honors a project that preserves or restores an historic building, or complex of buildings, in an outstanding manner and that demonstrates excellence in research, technique, and documentation. Projects in the twelve-state region of SESA

that were completed in 2008 or 2009 are eligible. Past winners in South Carolina have included Walker Hall at the S.C. School for the Deaf and Blind in Spartanburg, and the Carlisle Street Initiative of the Preservation Trust of Spartanburg.

Nominations should consist of no more than two typed pages of description, and be accompanied by hard copy illustrations and any other supporting material. A cover letter should identify the owner of the project, the use of the building(s), and the names of all the major participants of the project. For more information please contact the award committee chair Virginia Price at va.price@yahoo.com. Send three (3) hard copies of the nomination to Virginia Price at 3906 Vacation Lane, Arlington, VA 22207. **The deadline is July 31, 2010.** Winners will be announced at the 28th SESA Annual Meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in October.

National Trust for Historic Preservation: Dozen Distinctive Destinations and This Place Matters Community Challenge

Applications for the 2011 Dozen Distinctive Destinations are due by September 10, 2010. This designation recognizes towns and cities that have a richness of character and exude an authentic sense of place. In South Carolina, both Beaufort (2001) and Aiken (2008) have been recognized. Selected communities are featured in *Preservation* magazine, and receive additional benefits that promote heritage tourism. For more information contact Joelle Schatz at Dozen@nthp.org or visit the website <http://www.preservationnation.org/travel-and-sites/travel/dozen-distinctive-destinations/>.

This summer the Trust is launching "This Place Matters Community Challenge" to help nonprofit preservation organizations start a conversation about what matters in their communities -- along with the chance to win a \$25,000 cash award. The Challenge will build visibility for organizations and help grow lists of fans and friends. Visit www.preservationnation.org/thisplacematters to learn more and fill out an application to participate. For more information email ThisPlaceMatters@nthp.org.

Conferences/Workshops/Events

NEW Georgia Municipal Cemetery Association conference "Etched in Stone" September 9 -10, 2010 in Columbus, Georgia. For additional information, contact the conference chair, Deborah Abraham at (706) 653-4579 DAbraham@columbusga.org.

American Association of State and Local History Annual Meeting, September 22-25, 2010 in Oklahoma City, OK. The AASLH Annual Meeting is a networking and learning opportunity for history professionals, historical sites, historical societies, history museums, military museums, libraries, presidential sites, students, suppliers, and more. It features over 80 educational sessions and 17 pre-meeting workshops, evening events and tours. For more information go to <http://www.aaslh.org/anmeeting.htm>.

Preserving the Historic Road 2010, September 9-12, 2010 in Washington, DC. The conference features education sessions, special events and field workshops on the best practices, theories and methods for the identification, preservation and management of historic roads. For information go to <http://www.historicroads.org/>.

Preservation Planning for Campuses, Complexes and Installations, September 28-29, 2010 in Hampton, VA. This National Preservation Institute seminar focuses on how buildings and landscapes contribute to the institutional identity of campuses, complexes, and installations, and how to integrate historic preservation considerations into the master planning process when faced with development pressures and the need to expand boundaries and reconfigure facilities. AIA/CES credit is available. For more information go to <http://www.npi.org/sem-presplan.html>.

NEW Southeastern Environmental Law Seminar, October 14-15, 2010 in Myrtle Beach. This seminar features speakers from the Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Services, Department of Justice and DHEC-OCRM, along with experts in private practice. To see the agenda and list of speakers go to www.EnvironmentalLawSeminar. **Early registration discounts are available until August 15.**

Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians Annual Meeting, October 13-16, 2010 in Chattanooga, TN. The annual meeting includes paper sessions, walking tours, and awards banquet. More information will be available on the SESA website http://www.sesah.org/sesah/SESAH_Home.html.

International Preservation Trades Workshop, October 21-23, 2010, in Frankfort, KY. IPTW 2010 provides opportunities for preservation tradespeople, architects, preservation organization staff members, historic property stewards, state and local government employees, preservation students, and homeowners to gain understanding of the preservation trades, and create exchanges between preservation professionals and the public through interactive demonstrations, learning sessions, and one-on-one discussions. For more information go to <http://www.iptw.org/>.

National Preservation Conference, October 27–30, 2010 in Austin, TX. **Early registration ends July 31.** The conference theme is “Next American City, Next American Landscape”, and will feature plenary sessions, tours, the national preservation awards, and educational sessions. For more information go to <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/>.

Grant Application Deadlines

NEW August 5 & 24, 2010: SC Humanities Council Grants Program - Major Grants: The Humanities Council^{SC} has several categories of general grants available to statewide nonprofits organizations and public institutions. **Major Grants** are

reviewed twice a year. The next deadlines are August 5 (Preliminary Draft) and August 24 (Final Draft).

The Humanities Council also has **Mini Grants** and **Planning Grants** that are reviewed monthly, with the deadline being on the first business day of the month. **Monday, August 2, 2010** is the next deadline.

For more information about the Grants Program of The Humanities Council^{SC}, please go to <http://schumanities.org/index.php?c=grants&s=howtoapply> or contact T.J. Wallace at 803-771-2477.

August 18, 2010: America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Planning and Implementation Grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities. These grants support projects in the humanities that explore stories, ideas, and beliefs that deepen our understanding of our lives and our world. The projects can be traveling exhibitions presented at multiple venues, long-term exhibitions at one institution, interpretive Web sites or other digital formats, interpretation of historic places or areas, reading and discussion programs, panel exhibitions that travel widely, reach a broad audience, and take advantage of complementary programming formats (e.g., reading and discussion series, radio, or other media) or other project formats that creatively engage audiences in humanities ideas. For more information go to <http://www.neh.gov/grants/grants.html>.

August 18, 2010: Interpreting America's Historic Places Planning and Implementation Grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities. These grants support public humanities projects that exploit the evocative power of historic places to explore stories, ideas, and beliefs that deepen our understanding of our lives and our world. The projects should interpret a place that played a significant role in American history; enrich the visitor experience at one or more historic places by interpreting these places in light of broader themes in American history; make use of the specific features of one or more historic places—the site, its location, buildings, or other natural or built features—as integral parts of the proposed interpretation; be based on sound humanities scholarship; involve humanities scholars in all phases of development and implementation; approach the subject thematically, analytically, and interpretively through an appropriate variety of perspectives; interest broad audiences; and employ appealing and accessible program formats that will actively engage the public in learning. For more information go to <http://www.neh.gov/grants/grants.html>.

September 15, 2010 Fitch Mid-Career Research Grants: The James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation will award Fitch Mid-Career research grants of up to \$15,000 to mid-career professionals who have an academic background, professional experience, and an established identity in historic preservation or related fields including, architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, environmental planning, architectural history, and the decorative arts. The Foundation will also offer the **Richard L. Blinder Award**, a biennial grant of up to \$15,000 for the best proposal exploring the preservation of an existing structure, complex of buildings or genre of building type through addition, renovation or other means. The subject of the submission may be a

real project or a polemical exercise; in either case originality is highly valued. The proposal must demonstrate that it fosters architectural preservation in the United States. To learn more about both grants, go to www.fitchfoundation.org. Applications must be submitted in PDF format to info@fitchfoundation.org.

October 1, 2010 Preservation Services Fund Grants: Administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, these grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for preservation planning and education efforts. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. For more information, contact the Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at 843-722-8552 or soro@nthp.org and the National Trust website at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>.

Updated information about other grants is available on the Archives and History website at <http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/otherincentives/>.

The Preservation Directory.com also offers a guide to grants and funding sources <http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx>.

NOTE: If for some reason a link is not working, copy the entire URL and paste it into the address bar of your web browser.

NOTE: Old issues of *Preservation News and Notes* going back to January 2009 are available at <http://www.shpo.sc.gov/newsnotes/default.htm>.

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